

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1334

By Walley

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of John Calhoun "Jack" Rice III of Braden.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of John Calhoun "Jack" Rice III; and

WHEREAS, Jack Rice was a farmer and lifelong cattleman who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, the son of Charleen Jackson Rice and John C. Rice, Jr., Mr. Rice was born on December 8, 1940, in Brownsville; he was delivered by his grandfather, Dr. John C. Rice, and he grew up on the family farm, which Dr. Rice started in the early 1900s; and

WHEREAS, a 1958 graduate of Fayette County High School, Mr. Rice attended Southwestern at Memphis, now known as Rhodes College; he graduated from college in 1963 and went on to graduate from the United States Navy Officer Candidate School at Newport, Rhode Island, in 1964; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rice served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War as a Lieutenant (junior grade) on the staff of the Commander, U.S. 7th Fleet, aboard the cruiser USS *Oklahoma City*, home port Yokosuka, Japan; and

WHEREAS, affectionately known as "Judge Jack," Mr. Rice served with acumen and alacrity as the last chairman of Fayette County's Quarterly County Court from 1972 to 1978; during his tenure, he performed the duties of probate and juvenile court judge; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rice was a member of the Fayette County Cattlemen's Association and a communicant of Trinity Episcopal Church in Mason; and

WHEREAS, a wonderful storyteller, Mr. Rice was an avid reader and a lover of music; he enjoyed traveling, particularly to destinations where he could enjoy farmland and cattle; and

WHEREAS, he was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he married his high school sweetheart, Elizabeth "Betsy" Thompson Rice, in 1965 at St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Tokyo, and they enjoyed fifty-six years of love and companionship; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his wife, he is survived by his children, Alix Thompson Rice and John Craig Rice; two aunts; and several cousins; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, William Callis Rice; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rice leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of John Calhoun "Jack" Rice III, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Rice.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.